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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A connecting system for connecting a child car seat in a vehicle, the system comprising a child car seat in combination with an elongate continuous connecting strap having two opposed ends, the child car seat being of a type which can either be in a rearward or a forward facing position and having a plurality of ~~parallel aligned~~ strap paths comprising at least a front strap path for use when the seat is in the rearward facing position and a rear strap path for use when the seat is in the forward facing position and the rearward facing position, the connecting strap comprising ~~a latches at either~~ adjacent each opposed end thereof and which are adapted to engage with a latching bar[[s]] on the vehicle, the connecting strap ~~passing through and being permanently and non-removably affixed to the child car seat~~ in one of the plurality of strap paths ~~in the child car seat, the connecting strap and being~~ sufficiently long so that respective ends, extending from each side of the strap path in which the strap is permanently fixed, can also pass through and cross within the front strap path, and extend out the opposite sides of the front strap path for anchoring the child seat to the vehicle seat when the child car seat is in the rearward facing position or pass through and extend out the opposite sides of only the rear strap path for use when the child car seat is in the forward facing position for anchoring the child seat to the vehicle seat.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A connecting system in Claim 1 wherein the connecting strap ~~passes through and is permanently fixed in the rear strap path~~.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A connecting system as in Claim 1 wherein when the connecting strap is used for the forward facing position the strap extends directly to the latch bars and when the seat is used in the rearward facing position the strap is crossed through the front strap path and then extends to the latch bars.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A connecting system as in Claim 1 wherein when the connecting strap is used for the rearward facing position the strap extends directly to the latch bars and when the seat is used in the forward facing position the strap is crossed through the rear strap path and then extends to the latch bars.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A connecting system as in Claim 1 wherein the connecting strap is permanently affixed in an intermediate strap path which is a separate path across the seat between the front strap path and the rear strap path

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whereby when the connecting strap is used for the forward facing position the strap is crossed through the rear strap path and then extends to the latch bars and when the seat is used in the rearward facing position the strap is crossed through the front strap path and then extends to the latch bars.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A connecting system as in Claim 1 wherein the connecting strap is fixed into one of the front and rear strap path by rivets.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A connecting system as in Claim 1 wherein the connecting strap includes a length adjuster at one or both ends.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A connecting system as in Claim 1 wherein the latches are arranged to engage, in one orientation only, with the latching bars in the motor vehicle.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of restraining a child car seat in a vehicle comprising a child car seat in combination with an elongate continuous connecting strap having two opposed ends, the child car seat being of a type which can either be in a rearward or a forward facing position and having a plurality of parallel aligned strap paths comprising at least a front strap path for use when the seat is in the rearward facing position and a rear strap path for use when the seat is in the forward rearward facing position, the connecting strap passing through and being permanently fixed to the child car seat such that the connecting strap always passes through only one of the rear and the front strap paths when the child car seat is in one of the forward and the rearward facing positions and the connecting strap passes through both the rear and the front strap paths when the child car seat is in the other of the forward and the rearward facing positions in one of the plurality of parallel aligned strap paths in the child car seat and the connecting strap having portions extending from each side of the respective strap path in which the strap is permanently and non-removably affixed, and latches at either end thereof which are adapted to engage with latching bars on the vehicle,

the method anchoring the child seat to the vehicle seat including the steps of: positioning the child car seat on the vehicle car seat in one of the forward and the rearward facing positions and passing respective extending portions of the connecting strap through only one of either the rear [or] and the front strap paths from

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opposite sides and in at least the rearward facing position, and connecting respective end of the latches to the latching bars of the vehicle; and

positioning the child car seat on the vehicle car seat in the other of the forward and the rearward facing positions, passing respective extending portions of the connecting strap through one of the rear and the front strap paths, and passing through and crossing over opposed ends of the connecting strap one another within the other of the rear and the front strap paths and connecting respective end of the latches to the latching bars of the vehicle each other and extending out the opposite side of the rear or front strap path.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as in Claim 9 further comprising the step of fixing the connecting strap in the rear strap path whereby when the connecting strap is used for the forward facing position, the strap extends directly to the latch bars and when the seat is used in the rearward facing position the strap is crossed through the front strap path and then extends to the latch bars.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as in Claim 9 wherein the connecting strap is fixed in the front strap path whereby when the restraining strap is used for the rearward facing position the strap extends directly to the latch bars and when the seat is used in the forward facing position, the strap is crossed through the rear strap path and then extends to the latch bars.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as in Claim 9 wherein the connecting strap is fixed in an intermediate strap path across the seat between the front strap path and the rear strap path whereby when the restraining strap is used for the forward facing position the strap crossed through the rear strap path and then extends to the latch bars and when the seat is used in the rearward facing position the strap is crossed through the front strap path and then extends to the latch bars.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as in Claim 9 wherein the latches are arranged to engage, in one orientation only, with the latching bars in the motor vehicle.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as in Claim 9 wherein the connecting strap is fixed into the respective one of the plurality of strap paths by rivets.

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15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The A method as in Claim 9 wherein the connecting strap includes a length adjuster at one or both ends. ♦♦

16-25. (CANCELED)

26. (NEW) A connecting system connecting a child car seat in a vehicle, the system comprising a child car seat in combination with an elongate continuous connecting strap having two opposed ends, the child car seat being of a type which can be in either a rearward or a forward facing position and having a plurality of strap paths comprising at least a front strap path for use when the seat is in the rearward facing position and a rear strap path for use when the seat is in the forward facing position, the connecting strap having a latch adjacent each opposed end thereof for engaging with a latching bar on the vehicle, the connecting strap being permanently and non-removably affixed to the child car seat in one of the front and the rear strap paths and being sufficiently long so that respective ends of the connecting strap can pass through both the front and the rear strap paths with the latches positioned for engaging with the respective latching bars on the vehicle, the connecting strap, in one of the front and the rear strap paths, only passing through the strap path in which the strap is permanently fixed with the latches directly engaging with the respective latching bars on the vehicle, and the connecting strap, in the other of the front and the rear strap paths, passing through the strap path in which the strap is permanently fixed and also passing through the other of the front and the rear strap paths prior to the latches engaging with the respective latching bars on the vehicle. ♦♦

27. (NEW) A connecting system according to claim 26 wherein the connecting strap is permanently fixed in the rear strap path and the connecting strap includes a length adjuster at at least one end thereof.

28. (NEW) A connecting system according to claim 26 wherein when the connecting strap is used for the forward facing position the strap extends directly to the latch bars and when the seat is used in the rearward facing position the strap is crossed through the front strap path and then extends to the latch bars.

29. (NEW) The connecting system according to claim 26 wherein when the connecting strap is used for the rearward facing position the strap extends directly to

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the latch bars and when the seat is used in the forward facing position the strap is crossed through the rear strap path and then extends to the latch bars.

30. (NEW) The connecting system according to claim 26 wherein the connecting strap is permanently affixed in an intermediate strap path which is a separate path across the seat between the front strap path and the rear strap path whereby when the connecting strap is used for the forward facing position the strap is crossed through the rear strap path and then extends to the latch bars and when the seat is used in the rearward facing position the strap is crossed through the front strap path and then extends to the latch bars.

31. (NEW) The connecting system according to claim 26 wherein the connecting strap is fixed into one of the front and rear strap path by rivets and the connecting strap includes a length adjuster at at least one end thereof.

32. (NEW) A method of restraining a child car seat in a vehicle with a system comprising a child car seat in combination with an elongate continuous connecting strap having two opposed ends, the child car seat being of a type which can be in either a rearward or a forward facing position and having a plurality of strap paths comprising at least a front strap path for use when the seat is in the rearward facing position and a rear strap path for use when the seat is in the forward facing position, the connecting strap having a latch adjacent each opposed end thereof for engaging with a latching bar on the vehicle, the connecting strap being permanently and non-removably affixed to the child car seat in one of the front and the rear strap paths and being sufficiently long so that respective ends of the connecting strap can pass through both the front and the rear strap paths with the latches positioned for engaging with the respective latching bars on the vehicle,

the method of restraining a child car seat comprising the steps of:

when positioning the child car seat on the vehicle car seat in one of the forward and the rearward facing positions and passing respective extending portions of the connecting strap through only one of the rear and the front strap paths and connecting respective end of the latches to the latching bars of the vehicle; or

and when positioning the child car seat on the vehicle car seat in the other of the forward and the rearward facing positions, passing respective extending portions of the

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connecting strap through one of the rear and the front strap paths, and passing through and crossing over opposed ends of the connecting strap one another within the other of the rear and the front strap paths and connecting respective end of the latches to the latching bars of the vehicle.

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